

for the purpose of having the surplus exempt from taxation.

In 1884 affidavit to this effect was made by Henry B. Hyde, in 1885 similar affidavit was made by James W. Alexander as vice-president, and in 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1891 similar statements were verified by John A. McCall, Jr. Like affidavits were made in 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896 by Thomas B. Jordan.

Another overlooked feature which is of interest is that contained in the testimony of Gerald Brown on the loan made to the Depeu Improvement Company. Mr. Hendricks asked Mr. Brown this question:

"Do you think that under your agreement with W. Seward Webb and Chauncey M. Depeu the Equitable is secured?"

"I think that we have got a good claim there," was Mr. Brown's reply.

Superintendent Hendricks's counsel, Mr. Driscoll, then took up the examination of Mr. Brown as follows:

Q.—What is your claim good for? A.—Just what the agreement says, to make them reorganize the company and furnish us with the bonds.

Q.—Suppose the company is never reorganized, have you any claim as to the bonds? A.—I don't want to pass on.

Q.—That is a legal question that I don't want to pass on.

Q.—The counsel of the Equitable have passed upon it? A.—Our counsel tells us that he thinks we have a very fair claim there.

Q.—What is a claim against whom? A.—Webb and Depeu.

"Who is the man that gave that opinion," asked Mr. Hendricks. A.—Mr. Oliver, of Alexander & Green.

CONFERENCES HELD.

Important Equitable Developments Looked For To-day.

Conferences among several of the principal figures in the Equitable Life Assurance Society affair yesterday preparatory to the meeting of the directors to-day piqued the curiosity of all Wall Street, and apparently presaged important developments.

The meeting this morning, Thomas F. Ryan, now the dominant figure in the society, the lawyer, Paul D. Cravath, and James Hazen Hyde, former owner of the stock control, and his lawyer, William C. Sullivan, held a long consultation at the offices of Alexander & Green, in the Equitable Building.

Mr. Hyde and William H. McIntyre, formerly fourth vice-president, spent most of the day at the Mercantile Trust Company. Late in the afternoon Mr. Hyde went up to Mr. Sullivan's office, where Mr. Ryan met him. Later Mr. Cravath came in. They were together for more than an hour.

After the conference all refused to discuss it. It was believed that they talked over the Ryan-Hyde stock transfer and the troubles of the trusteeship.

Meantime Paul Morton, chairman of the board, was holding an earnest conference with George H. Tarbell, second vice-president. After this, Mr. Morton went over to the Morton Trust Company where he was closeted with Mr. Ryan for a long time.

Robert H. Hunter, deputy superintendent of the State Insurance Department, called to see Mr. Morton yesterday. They had a long talk, but both refused to reveal the subject of conversation. William Nelson Cromwell, who was brought into the Equitable fight ostensibly as a peace-maker, really, it was said by the Hyde supporters, as another lawyer for President Alexander, was closeted with Baldrige Colby, too, but it was said that their business was not a part of the Equitable affair.

James H. Schiff was about the Equitable Building, but it could not be learned that he saw any Equitable officials. Mr. Schiff has received letters from ex-President Cleveland, Justice O'Brien and George Westinghouse, the Ryan trustees, commending him for the stand he took in the Equitable investigation and the testimony he gave before Superintendent Hendricks. A report in the financial district had it that Mr. Schiff was likely to be one of the new policyholders' directors. Already he owns the necessary five shares of stock, bought for \$200 a share.

Senator Depew, as told in this morning's Tribune, has resigned as counsel for the Equitable, but he has not resigned as director, according to Mr. Morton. When asked about this, Mr. Morton said:

It is true that the day before sailing, Mr. Depew said and said that he intended to resign his position as counsel for the Equitable, but I did not pay much attention to the statement. I did not regard the informal statement of the Senator as a resignation, and I have not as yet received his formal or written resignation.

The meeting to-day will result in the election of the new men named by the trustees as directors, and probably the ratification of the others whose names have been selected. Mr. Morton may announce to the board his scheme for the reorganization of the executive committee to take the place of the old executive and finance committees.

The New-York Life Insurance Company will not favor a legislative investigation of all the insurance companies, according to E. R. Perkins, second vice-president, because such an investigation would indicate distrust by the people of the State Insurance Department. Such distrust, and distrust of insurance companies sufficient to warrant a general investigation, does not exist, Mr. Perkins says.

"We welcome any investigation at any time by Superintendent Hendricks," said Mr. Perkins, when asked what his company thought about the advisability of legislative interference.

"Publicity as to all things connected with our management and business, through the proper channels, always has been President of our company. There was an investigation by the State Department, the report on which was issued only last May. We have been investigated by the governments of France, Germany, England, all the State departments look over our books. President McColl advocates joint investigations by the departments of different States where it can be done to advantage.

"I should not favor legislative investigation, however, for two reasons—first, because it is a direct slap at the people's servants; second, because I believe there is nothing in the insurance companies to warrant it. Superintendent Hendricks, I believe, has investigated the Equitable honestly and fairly, with his usual thoroughness, and he will investigate the Mutual in the same way. Whatever he has found irregular will be corrected under his direction. To have the legislature step in to investigate would show distrust of the public's servants.

"I don't believe there is a widespread distrust of insurance companies. I see all the mail which comes into the office, and in the last thirty days only one policyholder has expressed dissatisfaction. When I wrote to him, inclosing Superintendent Hendricks's report as to his recent investigation, explaining the points he seemed uncertain about, he replied, showing his approval."

AGAINST PROBE SECRECY

EQUITABLE ACTION ASKED

Legislators Favor Submission of Scandal at Extra Session.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Albany, July 13.—Not since the closing hours of the last session, when the fate of the gas bills was in doubt, has there been such a tense and critical situation as exists here to-night. On the one side are arrayed a vast majority of the members of the legislature demanding that the insurance scandal be thoroughly aired by a legislative commission. On the other side are arrayed the State chairman and many influential Republican leaders; on the other stands Governor Higgins, reaffirming his confidence in Superintendent Hendricks and his belief that there exists no warrant for calling the matter to the attention of the extra session. Already there are in existence several sets of resolutions framed by members of the legislature appealing to Governor Higgins to submit the matter to the legislature, and by next week at least one of them will be presented.

The expression of opinion by legislators has been increasing in vehemence and becoming more widespread, several members having already personally appealed to Governor Higgins and presented the legislative situation as it exists. Only the responsible leaders whose loyalty to the Governor keeps them silent, Speaker Nixon and Senator Raines, have declined to talk.

Practically all the opposition to legislative action now centers in two quarters—the friends of the Governor and the Superintendent of Insurance, who are unwilling to do anything to embarrass the administration, and those Senators, among them Senator McCarren, who represents the insurance lobby, who were prominent in defeating the gas measure last year.

POLITICAL ASPECT OF CASE.

But the tangled web is even more complicated by the political aspect.

Ex-Governor Odell's declaration in favor of legislation has apparently placed the head of the State organization in a position of seeming opposition to the policy of the Governor. The charge has been frequently repeated here to-day that the publication of the testimony in the evidence taken before Superintendent Hendricks was helped by Mr. Odell, but the ex-Governor doesn't condescend to notice this gossip.

Few question Mr. Hendricks's integrity, but few deny that the disclosures of the last few days have tended to shake public confidence in his investigation, however searching it may be. The opinion is freely expressed that the public will believe something has been withheld.

Mr. Wainwright, of Westchester, one of the most conservative of the legislative membership, said:

In my judgment, the Governor is making a great mistake in taking a position in opposition to the overwhelming sentiment of a large number of the legislators. I do not believe that anything short of legislative action will satisfy the public. The time has come when the matter ought to be taken out of the hands of any State department and lodged in the hands of the representatives of the people. Why, in my judgment, if the Governor does not pretty soon, before we adjourn, call this matter to the attention of the legislature, we will have the novel situation presented of the legislature asking the Governor to permit it to act in this matter. The fact is that the people of the State have lost all confidence in the business of life insurance, and until that confidence is restored business and industry will be seriously affected.

I believe a committee should be appointed to act independently, free of all restrictions and with absolutely plenary powers. Moreover, they should act publicly. I believe that all secrecy heretofore employed has been ill advised.

LEGISLATIVE ATTITUDE CONSISTENT.

Equally striking is the further opinion expressed by Senator Mulvey to-day. He said:

The attitude of the legislature in the matter has been consistent. We hoped last winter that the investigation of the department would restore public confidence. The fact is, however, that it has not; instead, it has simply whetted public curiosity. Now the matter is not merely one that concerns the insurance companies. It affects the honor of the State. These insurance companies are organized under our laws; the people of the United States have a right to know the facts of the case. If the legislature adjourns without taking some action, it would be a mistake, in my opinion, if the legislature adjourns without taking some action.

Assemblyman Stanley said:

The confidence which I have expressed in the Insurance Department has been considerably shaken since the appearance of the present report. It is difficult enough to keep a quorum here for the session, and any legislation that might be passed in insurance would be crude, owing to shortness of time and difficulty in keeping the members here. I am, however, in favor of the bill to go on and finish up his work, and then report to the Governor.

WOMAN FIGHTS CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

Says She Has Jewelry in Baggage, but Refuses to Have Trunk Inspected.

Mrs. B. Schmeizinger, a first cabin passenger on board the Hamburg-American liner Pennsylvania, created much excitement yesterday at the pier in Hoboken when she refused to open her trunk for the customs inspectors.

The woman was dressed in simple fashion, but her fingers were covered with many valuable diamond rings. She kept the jewels turned in next to her palms. Her strange actions attracted the attention of the immigration officials, who took her to Ellis Island.

Mrs. Schmeizinger would tell the immigration officials nothing of herself, but told the customs officers that her trunk was filled with jewelry and precious stones, and that the contents were too valuable to expose to the collectors.

When she was ordered back to the ship the woman refused to go, and it required the efforts of four officials to put her aboard.

She had about \$1,000 in American money on her person.

SLEEPING MAN KILLED ON ROOF.

Coping Stone from Shaky Chimney Crushes Chest of Express Driver.

Peter Sheehy, twenty-four years old, a driver for the American Express Company, was instantly killed early yesterday on the roof of the tenement house where he lived, at No. 1,533 33-ave. A coping stone weighing over one hundred pounds fell from the top of a chimney against which he was lying asleep, crushing his chest.

On Wednesday afternoon, affected by the heat, Sheehy became slightly ill, and his foreman told him to go home early. To make up for lost time he planned to work early yesterday morning. He awoke about 3 o'clock, and finding that he was up too early he went to the roof for some fresh air. On the way up he met a small boy, Charles Wenzel, also bound for the roof. The two when they reached the roof sparred a few minutes. In this skylarking they brushed against one of the chimneys, and so loosened one of the coping stones, already shaky, that another tumbled down and struck him down.

Wenzel went downstairs and Sheehy lay down with his back against the chimney and went to sleep. About half an hour later some tremor of the house caused the tottering coping stone to fall, and it dropped across Sheehy's chest. Several of his ribs were broken, and his lungs and heart so crushed that death was immediate.

A little later Sheehy's father, discovering that his son was not in bed, called up to him that he had got up too early. Receiving no answer he went to the roof and found his son imprisoned under the stone. He ran to the street and got Patrolman Kelly, of the East 194th-st. station. Kelly raised the stone, but Sheehy showed no signs of life, and when Dr. Dimnick, summoned from the Harlem Hospital, arrived he said that the young man was dead.

B. R. T. WANTS ANOTHER HEARING.

Although the State Railroad Commission, as a result of a hearing several weeks ago, has recommended that the Coney Island express trains of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company be stopped at the 58th-st. station, the company has decided to ask for another hearing on the question, and will not stop the trains at the station in question until it hears again from the commission. The recommendation of the commission that the speed of the trains in New-Utrecht-ave., between 51st and 63d sts., be reduced to twelve miles an hour has already been annulled with.

HEAT DEATH ROLL LONGER

FOURTEEN MORE NAMES.

No Effective Relief Till Monday, Weather Man Says.

A slight rain yesterday brought a temporary relief from the intense heat, but the mercury climbed steadily after that, and before the sun set yesterday was numbered among the hottest days of the protracted heat spell. It was a few degrees cooler than the day before, but the harvest of the grim reaper was multiplied. Up to midnight the heat had caused the death of fourteen in greater New-York, and had prostrated nearly thirty. This is the greatest number of deaths for any day since the beginning of the hot spell.

In the suburbs there are five deaths reported and several attempts at suicide. The fatality list for the heat period now totals forty-eight. The prostrations will reach almost two hundred.

The temperature was at its highest, at 85 degrees, at noon yesterday, and at the same hour the humidity was 70. In the early morning the humidity was 86, with a temperature of 77. It was in the early hours that the largest number of deaths were reported, and many prostrations. The weather man offers no consolation. The hot spell is likely to continue until Monday, he says, when severe storms are predicted.

The heat claimed its victims yesterday in various ways: Patrolman Prawlley, of the Macdougall-st. station, found an old man exhausted from the heat at Broadway and Spring-st. and had him removed to St. Vincent's. When he revived somewhat he gave his name as Thomas Brennan. He is so weak from hunger and the heat that the physicians have small hope of keeping him alive.

While there has been great suffering among horses and other animals for the last week, it was said yesterday at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that the number and severity of the cases did not exceed that of last year. Twenty-five special agents are distributed in various parts of the city, as well as a number of other representatives of the society.

Regarding the recent prostrations of calves President Haines, of the society, said that all was being done that was possible. The animals were turned loose in a lot and water played on them from a hose, until they recovered from their exhaustion. Section 4,386, of the Revised Statutes, which says that cattle must be unloaded from cars in transportation, for food, rest and water once in every twenty-eight hours, and that they must be rested five hours, is being rigidly enforced by the dealers, as well as by the society.

The following deaths and prostrations were reported:

DEATHS.

ALGIER, Beatrice, fourteen months old, No. 118 East 118th-st., died there.

BOYLES, Edna, five months old, colored, No. 3,145 35-ave., died at home.

WALKER, Emma, fifty years old, No. 487 West 42d-st.; overcome at No. 502 10th-ave.; died in Roosevelt Hospital.

OEGENHARDT, Mary, two months old, No. 417 West 5th-st., died at her home.

GALLAGHER, Thomas, three years old, No. 1,170 East 100th-st.; overcome while playing in the street and died in a few minutes.

DE LECROIX, an infant, of No. 170 Thompson-st.; died suddenly from heat.

MC'SLAND, Joseph, no age or address; removed from 20th-st. and 1st-ave. to Bellevue Hospital.

MC'ERREON, John, thirty-five years old, No. 672 33-ave.; dizzy from heat, fell down a flight of stairs from the second and died.

SCHULTZ, Samuel, forty-two years old, No. 28 Hester-st.; overcome while at work on the building at No. 28 Hester-ave., and fell from roof, was dead when picked up.

TANNON, George, seven months old, No. 627 East 7th-st.; overcome at home.

A one-month-old child, of No. 170 Thompson-st., the Mercer-st. police station reports.

BROOKLYN.

BLACKMAN, George, eight months old; died at his home, No. 1,882 Fulton-st.

KIELING, Joseph, forty-four years old; died at his home, No. 113 Borum-st.

MC'COY, Edward, twenty-two months old; died at his home, No. 107 West 14th-st.

IN THE SUBURBS.

BALLOU, Lorenzo, sixteen years old, of Hackensack, N. J.; went in swimming when overheated and died from shock.

PHILERS, Lewis, sixty-one years old, of No. 189 Hutton-st., Jersey City, attempted suicide at his home after declaring that he would stand the heat no longer.

PIERSON, Lorenzo, sixty years old, of Belvidere, N. J., a farmer, was overcome in the fields and died before a doctor arrived.

SAUTAMASTRI, Nido, forty-five years old, of Newark, collapsed in the street and died before he could be removed.

PROSTRATIONS.

AUGOLI, Charles, thirty-two years old, No. 549 Pearl-st.; stamperman; overcome at Broadway and Duane-st.; Hudson Street Hospital.

CASEY, Ella, twenty-one years old, servant, No. 205 Blacker-st.; overcome by the heat while at work; St. Vincent's Hospital.

CERNY, Frank, forty-two years old, No. 602 6th-st.; overcome at home; Bellevue Hospital.

COXELL, George, twenty-six years old; employed in the Bellevue Hospital laundry; was overcome there.

FOLEY, Mary, seventy-two years old, No. 124 Cherry-st., Jersey City; died at home after heat at No. 114 Washington-st.; Hudson Street Hospital.

GEHART, Vogt, forty years old; was removed from his home, No. 225 West 148th-st., to the J. Hood Wright Hospital.

HOOVER, Annie, three years old; overcome at home of parents, No. 47 4th-st.; St. Vincent's Hospital.

KATZ, Mayer, sixty-three years old, No. 431 East 111th-st.; overcome at the foot of West 128th-st.; J. Hood Wright Hospital.

KENNEY, James, nineteen years old, No. 359 Green-st.; overcome at 124th and Greenwich sts.; sunstroke; Hudson Street Hospital, serious.

LEMA, Henry, twenty years old; arrested in Bryant Park; overcome by heat while awaiting arraignment in Jefferson Market Police Court.

M'GUIRE, John, sixty-one years old, No. 240 West 46th-st.; overcome at 38th-st. and 24-ave.; Bellevue Hospital.

OHING, Charles, nineteen years old, No. 179 Halsey-st.; overcome in front of No. 1 Cedar-st.; sent home.

PICKETT, John, address unknown; overcome at No. 231 East 10th-st.; Hudson Street Hospital.

WILTSSEN, Albert, 26 years old, No. 806 West 153d-st.; overcome at No. 2 Astor Place; St. Vincent's Hospital.

WOLF, Max, thirty-one years old, No. 139 West 43d-st.; overcome at Broadway and Mall-st.; sent home.

Unidentified woman, about thirty-five years old, was overcome in front of No. 75 33-ave.; New-York Hospital.

Unidentified man, about fifty years old; overcome at 39th-st. and 24-ave.; Bellevue Hospital.

CARCARAN, Peter, twenty-three years old, No. 4,003 34-ave.; overcome at Prospect and 5th-ave.; Kings County Hospital.

DENNEY, John, thirty-one years old, No. 311 Stone-ave.; overcome at Atlantic and Stone-ave.; St. Mary's Hospital.

KNOTTS, John, twenty-nine years old, No. 714 8th-ave.; overcome at No. 1,475 Myrtle-ave.; German Hospital.

MC'COY, Lulu, twenty-nine years old, mother of child who died; overcome at her home, No. 92 Steuben-st.; Kings County Hospital.

O'CONNELL, Daniel, twenty-eight years old; overcome at his home, No. 302 5th-ave.; Jersey City Hospital.

SHERER, George, eighty years old, No. 190 Scholes-st.; overcome in street near home; Kings County Hospital.

SCHMIDT, Amiel, sixty years old, 51st-st. and Church-ave.; overcome at home; Kings County Hospital.

SCHREIBER, FRANK, thirty-nine; overcome at No. 443 East 10th-st.; Hudson Street Hospital.

THOMPSON, GEORGE, thirty; overcome at home, Bay 42d-st.; not removed.

WAGNER, FRANK, fifteen, of No. 214 Stage-st.; overcome at Hayward-st. and Marcy-ave.; taken home.

YOUNG, ANDREW, twenty-five, of 145th-st. and 5th-ave., Manhattan; overcome at Atlantic-ave. and Fulton-st.; Long Island College Hospital.

ZIMMERMAN, LOUIS, twenty-two; overcome at home; Long Island College Hospital.

FRESHETS IN VIRGINIA.

Bridges Washed Away and Railroad Traffic Delayed.

Roanoke, Va., July 13.—The heavy rains of the last ten days have caused the mountain streams to rise in some instances higher than since the freshet of 1878. Reports to-day show that great damage was done last night. The lowlands have been swept clean and many bridges carried away. At Redford a new iron bridge being built across New River for the Norfolk and Western Railroad was badly damaged, and two spans were false work swept away. A big force of men worked all night to save the structure. The river at that point rose nineteen feet, and traffic was delayed eight hours.

The rainfall for the last twelve days has been 7.38 inches, while the average monthly fall is only three inches. Trains have been greatly delayed by wash-outs to-night traffic is improving.

BODIES STILL IN RIVER.

Normandie Victims Undiscovered—Coroner Makes Investigation.

Despite efforts of various sorts to bring to the surface of the water one of the bodies of those lost in the sinking of the launch Normandie off Dobs Ferry on Tuesday night, none was recovered up to late last night. Coroner Russell, who is directing the search, wants one of the bodies. Which one does not matter. He is not searching for the body of Miss Gladys Dodge, the young woman drowned, any more than he is for that of Captain Storrs or Francis, the engineer. Either will furnish him with a basis on which to make an investigation and order the arrest of the officers of the boat which is alleged to have run down the Normandie if the investigation warrants that step.

The bodies are not in the launch apparently. Peterson Anderson, the Merritt driver, went down twice yesterday and made a pretty thorough search of the boat, and then failing to find any body he started to work adjusting the hawsers with which the sunken boat was to have been raised.

While the wreckers were at work a pillow and one leg of a pair of overalls floated up. The overall leg apparently belonged to the engineer.

Coroner Russell summoned Rudd and Hanigan to Dobs Ferry from Yonkers. The men were taken before Coroner Russell and made statements which did not vary materially from those already published. Rudd placed the blame for the accident on the pilot of the tramp steamer in running down the launch. He said the men in the pilot house of the steamer paid no attention to the whistle of the yacht and bore down upon them before they could get out of the way, striking the Normandie in the middle, causing the boiler to explode.

Coroner Russell questioned both Rudd and Hanigan as to whether any effort was made to assist Miss Dodge. Rudd was not able to throw much light on this, and he said he was so much excited he did not know what happened after the explosion until he was picked up by a small boat from the steamer. He was not in a position to render assistance to Miss Dodge, and the last he saw of her she was seated on the afterdeck with Green, who was in his shirt-sleeves. Just as the crash came Rudd saw Green and the young woman standing, and then came the explosion and all hands went overboard.

Mr. Green was much distressed yesterday over statements published in some newspapers, which, he declared, grossly misrepresented him. Through his counsel, Battle & Marshall, Mr. Green issued a written statement, explaining his presence on the launch and excusing his conduct on the night of the accident. He said that he was not in the launch at the time of the accident, but that he was in the launch at the time of the explosion, and that he was not in the launch at the time of the explosion.

It is absolutely untrue that I or any of our party, so far as I know, were under the influence of liquor. I am wholly unfamiliar with navigation, and have no very clear understanding of how the accident happened. I am a very poor swimmer, and felt utterly shattered and nervous when I was dually taken over the water. I do not know what Miss Dodge and two other men ascertained that had been killed. It is quite true that I did ask for a glass of beer when we started, and I did ask for a glass of beer when we started, and I did ask for a glass of beer when we started.

I have known Miss Dodge and her family since she was a child, and it has been a pleasure to know her for years to call me "Uncle," which no doubt gave rise to the mistake made by Mr. Rudd, who had never met her before we started, and who had never met her before we started, and who had never met her before we started.

The intimations and suggestions of the newspapers are a most distressing and uncalculated aggravation of the grief of the unfortunate mother of Miss Dodge in this time of her dreadful trial. I would make no statement at all except that the newspapers seem disposed to make a mystery of facts about which there is no mystery, and I only desire to correct the false impression that is now being created.

John E. Green is about sixty years old, although he does not look more than fifty years. He is a native of Kentucky and a son of the late Dr. Norvin Green, former president of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

MISS MUFF ENDED HER LIFE AT LAST.

After having made several unsuccessful attempts to end her life in the last four years Miss Pauline Muff, twenty-six years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Muff, killed herself by drinking carbolic acid at the home of her parents, No. 25 Tompkins-ave., Brooklyn, yesterday.

Four years ago, it is said, she jumped into the East River from a ferryboat. At various times she threatened to commit suicide, and her family had difficulty in keeping her cheerful. Three weeks ago she inhaled gas through a rubber tube, but her life was saved, and she was sent to the Catskills to recuperate.

ACKRON ROADHOUSE SOLD AT AUCTION.

Charles E. Ackron, formerly proprietor of the notorious Tivoli in Manhattan, was serving a sentence of three months in the penitentiary for assault, his roadhouse, at Jamaica and Hale aves., East New-York, Brooklyn, was sold at auction by the Brooklyn Real Estate Exchange yesterday.

Charles Reinhardt, attorney for Emilie Huber, the plaintiff in the foreclosure proceedings, was the only bidder. The place was knocked down to him for \$4,000, which was well above the amount of the mortgage. Under Ackron's management the roadhouse had a bad reputation with the police.

COLLEGE MEN GO TO LONG BEACH.

Four hundred members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, now in convention in this city, went to Long Beach last night by a special train over the Long Island Railroad to hold their annual dance at the Long Beach Hotel.

After having sweltered in the city during the last few days the college men decided to hold their dance at the beach resort in order to escape the heat. Their train left Long Island City at 8:30 o'clock, and they returned on another special leaving Long Beach at 12:30 o'clock.

HAROLD PHELPS STOKES HURT.

Among the passengers who arrived last night on the Colts were Anson Phelps Stokes, Mrs. Phelps Stokes, Miss Mildred Phelps Stokes, Miss Helen Phelps Stokes and Harold Phelps Stokes, who were returning to be present at the coming marriage of Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., to Rose Pastor.

Young Harold Phelps Stokes was the victim of a painful accident. On the second day out he accidentally was struck by the glass in a porthole and cut in the head. The wounds, though painful, were not serious and were dressed by Sir Thomas Miles.

Sir Thomas Miles, accompanied by Lady Miles, is making a trip to this country solely for pleasure. This is the first time Sir Thomas has been here for twenty-two years. He will make a yachting trip along the Atlantic Coast with a friend and visit a large number of American hospitals.

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DR. ARMSTRONG ACCEPTS.

Army Surgeon Unanimously Elected Head of Bellevue.

The selection of a general superintendent of Bellevue, which has been in question for more than a year, was definitely settled yesterday when Dr. Samuel T. Armstrong formally accepted the position at a meeting of the trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

It is understood that, because of his medical and executive experience, the selection of Dr. Armstrong was unanimous. Dr. Armstrong resigned last year to become State Commissioner in Lunacy, Dr. William G. Sprattling, superintendent of the Craig Colony for Epileptics, Sonoma, N. Y., was named as superintendent. Several lively skirmishes followed between the State Civil Service Commission and the trustees, on the one side, and the Municipal Civil Service Commission, on the other.

The local commission insisted that Dr. Sprattling should undergo an examination, while the State commission was willing to transfer him direct from State to city service. The opposition of the local commission was said to have been partially a political manoeuvre to put Michael Rickard in the place.

Mr. Rickard, who grew up, so to speak, in the service of Bellevue, but who is not a physician, virtually has been acting superintendent since Dr. Mabon's resignation.

Dr. Armstrong is said to be peculiarly fitted for his new duties. He is about forty-five years of age, of military bearing and sturdy build. In 1873 he was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College. Since that time he has had a wide hospital experience, both in the army and navy, as well as in institutions in this city.

After his graduation he became connected with the Marine Hospital service, and from 1881 to 1890 was associated with the hospital service at New Orleans, Key West, Memphis and St. Joseph, Mo. From 1890 to 1898 he was visiting surgeon of the Riverside Hospital and of the Willard Hospital for Contagious Diseases. During the same years, from 1892 to 1898, he was also connected with the Harlem Hospital, one of the institutions allied with Bellevue. From 1898 to 1900 Dr. Armstrong was in charge of the medical department of the army at Puerto Principe, Cuba, as brigade surgeon, ranking as major, and served later in the Philippines in the same capacity.

Dr. Armstrong will have the title of general medical superintendent.

FOR FOUR BROOKLYN SUBWAY TRACKS

Fulton Street Merchants' Association Declares Itself for Proposed Change.

Through its executive committee the Fulton Street Merchants' Protective Association has placed itself on record as being in favor of the building of four instead of two tracks in the Fulton-st. and Flatbush-ave. section of the Brooklyn subway. After a meeting of the committee on the Brooklyn side yesterday afternoon James Matthews of A. D. Matthews Sons, chairman of the committee, said that after a full and free discussion of the various phases of changing from two to four tracks, it was the consensus of opinion that the association undertake to facilitate the obtaining of consents, in order that the work may be pushed along as expeditiously as possible.

The other members of the executive committee are William Berri, E. C. Blum, C. A. Teale, Charles F. Young, Frank Bailey, George A. Price, S. S. Baldwin and Arthur Gibb.

Some of the property owners along Fulton-st. have shown an unaccountable apathy about giving their consent for a change in the plans, but now that the Merchants' Protective Association has taken up the matter it is expected that the necessary consents of the owners of 50 per cent of the property involved will be obtained speedily.

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Four hundred members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, now in convention in this city, went to Long Beach last night by a special train over the Long Island Railroad to hold their annual dance at the Long Beach Hotel.

After having sweltered in the city during the last few days the college men decided to hold their dance at the beach resort in order to escape the heat. Their train left Long Island City at 8:30 o'clock, and they returned on another special leaving Long Beach at 12:30 o'clock.

HAROLD PHELPS STOKES HURT.

Among the passengers who arrived last night on the Colts were Anson Phelps Stokes, Mrs. Phelps Stokes, Miss Mildred Phelps Stokes, Miss Helen Phelps Stokes and Harold Phelps Stokes, who were returning to be present at the coming marriage of Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., to Rose Pastor.

Young Harold Phelps Stokes was the victim of a painful accident. On the second day out he accidentally was struck by the glass in a porthole and cut in the head. The wounds, though painful, were not serious and were dressed by Sir Thomas Miles.

Sir Thomas Miles, accompanied by Lady Miles, is making a trip to this country solely for pleasure. This is the first time Sir Thomas has been here for twenty-two years. He will make a yachting trip along the Atlantic Coast with a friend and visit a large number of American hospitals.

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DR. ARMSTRONG ACCEPTS.

Army Surgeon Unanimously Elected Head of Bellevue.

The selection of a general superintendent of Bellevue, which has been in question for more than a year, was definitely settled yesterday when Dr. Samuel T. Armstrong formally accepted the position at a meeting of the trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

It is understood that, because of his medical and executive experience, the selection of Dr. Armstrong was unanimous. Dr. Armstrong resigned last year to become State Commissioner in Lunacy, Dr. William G. Sprattling, superintendent of the Craig Colony for Epileptics, Sonoma, N. Y., was named as superintendent. Several lively skirmishes followed between the State Civil Service Commission and the trustees, on the one side, and the Municipal Civil Service Commission, on the other.

The local commission insisted that Dr. Sprattling should undergo an examination, while the State commission was willing to transfer him direct from State to city service. The opposition of the local commission was said to have been partially a political manoeuvre to put Michael Rickard in the place.

Mr. Rickard, who grew up, so to speak, in the service of Bellevue, but who is not a physician, virtually has been acting superintendent since Dr. Mabon's resignation.

Dr. Armstrong is said to be peculiarly fitted for his new duties. He is about forty-five years of age, of military bearing and sturdy build. In 1873 he was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College. Since that time he has had a wide hospital experience, both in the army and navy, as well as in institutions in this city.

After his graduation he became connected with the Marine Hospital service, and from 1881 to 1890 was associated with the hospital service at New Orleans, Key West, Memphis and St. Joseph, Mo. From 1890 to 1898 he was visiting surgeon of the Riverside Hospital and of the Willard Hospital for Contagious Diseases. During the same years, from 1892 to 1898, he was also connected with the Harlem Hospital, one of the institutions allied with Bellevue. From 1898 to 1900 Dr. Armstrong was in charge of the medical department of the army at Puerto Principe, Cuba, as brigade surgeon, ranking as major, and served later in the Philippines in the same capacity.

Dr. Armstrong will have the title of general medical superintendent.

FOR FOUR BROOKLYN SUBWAY TRACKS

Fulton Street Merchants' Association Declares Itself for Proposed Change.

Through its executive committee the Fulton Street Merchants' Protective Association has placed itself on record as being in favor of the building of four instead of two tracks in the Fulton-st. and Flatbush-ave. section of the Brooklyn subway. After a meeting of the committee on the Brooklyn side yesterday afternoon James Matthews of A. D. Matthews Sons, chairman of the committee, said that after a full and free discussion of the various phases of changing from two to four tracks, it was the consensus of opinion that the association undertake to facilitate the obtaining of consents, in order that the work may be pushed along as expeditiously as possible.

The other members of the executive committee are William Berri, E. C. Blum, C. A. Teale, Charles F. Young, Frank Bailey, George A. Price, S. S. Baldwin and Arthur Gibb.

Some of the property owners along Fulton-st. have shown an unaccountable apathy about giving their consent for a change in the plans, but now that the Merchants' Protective Association has taken up the matter it is expected that the necessary consents of the owners of 50 per cent of the property involved will be obtained speedily.

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